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Former CFO of National Children's Alliance Sentenced For Stealing From the Non-Profit Organization

WASHINGTON - Marvin Perry, the former Chief Financial Officer of the National Children's Alliance, was sentenced today to one year of incarceration on charges stemming from a scheme to steal money from the non-profit organization, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice, announced.

Perry, 45, of Waldorf, Md., pled guilty in June 2010 to a charge of theft concerning programs receiving federal funds. He was sentenced this morning by the Honorable Judge Ricardo M. Urbina in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Judge Urbina also ordered that Perry be placed on 36 months of supervised release upon his release from incarceration. In addition, he ordered Perry to pay restitution of \$64,390.

The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is a Washington-based non-profit organization that assists children who are victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. The organization provides services to Children's Advocacy Centers, multi-disciplinary teams, and professionals across the country. NCA receives federal assistance to operate its programs. Since 1995, NCA has received approximately \$76 million in federal grant money from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs.

According to information provided to the court by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri L. Schornstein, Perry was the organization's chief financial officer from approximately September 19, 2001 until March 1, 2008. His duties were to oversee the operation of all of NCA's financial management. He directly supervised Sharon Martin, then the finance director, and Michael Young, then a staff accountant, both of whom were also involved in the scheme.

As CFO, Perry shared responsibility for annual budgeting, cash management plans, and other projections. He guided development and implementation of accounting policies and procedures. He also interfaced with auditors, board committees, banks, and other departments. He supervised the accounting staff, managed employee benefits, and worked with the Executive Director on other activities related to strengthening NCA's financial position.

From approximately October 31, 2005 until December 15, 2007, Perry embezzled approximately \$64,390 in the form of additional paychecks to which he and other NCA employees were not entitled.

Previously, Sharon Martin entered a guilty plea to theft concerning programs receiving federal funds. Judge Urbina sentenced her to five years of probation and ordered her to serve six months of home detention and pay restitution of \$15,857. Michael Young pleaded guilty to second degree theft. He was sentenced by Judge Urbina to 180 days incarceration. The execution of that sentence was suspended, except for two days (a weekend in prison). The judge also placed Young on 24 months of probation, and ordered him to make restitution of \$9,479.20.

In announcing today's sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Fine commended the work of Special Agent Greg Tremaglio, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, and the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Paralegal Carolyn Cody and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri L. Schornstein, who prosecuted the case.

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